

## Navy Air Energy Conservation (Air ENCON) Program

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#### **Executive Summary**

- Air-ENCON is a key component of the Navy's drive to achieve SECNAV's goals of reducing fuel and energy use across the Fleet
- Goals: Reduce reliance on petroleum and create a culture of conservation in NAE, without impacting mission or safety
  - Primary focus is to reduce non-mission fuel burn
  - A 4% overall reduction is equivalent to about 21 million gallons, or roughly \$85 million per year
- Approach is to foster innovation initial practices being developed:
  - Hot Pit Refueling
  - SMART
  - Reverse Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM)



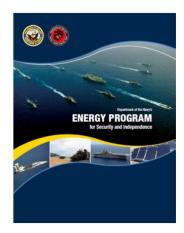


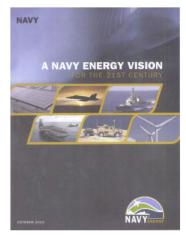




#### **Program Supports the Navy's Energy Vision**

- CNO signed the Navy Energy Vision in October 2010 and established Task Force Energy to drive implementation
  - Maritime
- Expeditionary
- Aviation
- Shore
- Aviation Working Group (AWG) proposed creation of Air Energy Conservation (Air ENCON) program, modeled after successful Incentivized ENCON (iENCON) program
- Air ENCON Integrated Product Team (IPT) is responsible for direct program implementation Reports to CNAF N40, who is responsible for overall program success
- Program supports SECNAV's five energy goals towards Energy Security and Independence







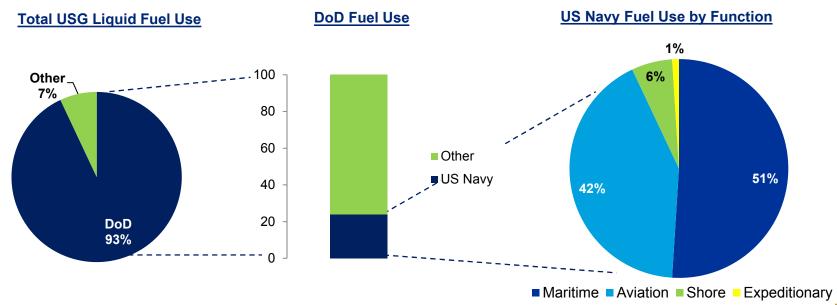






## **Energy consumption by the numbers - DoD & Navy**

- In 2010, the <u>U.S.</u> burned 7.1 billion barrels of fuel per year, roughly 25% of world demand – the Federal Government is 2% of this
- For every \$1 rise in the price of petroleum, the Navy's fuel bill increases by \$31 million per year





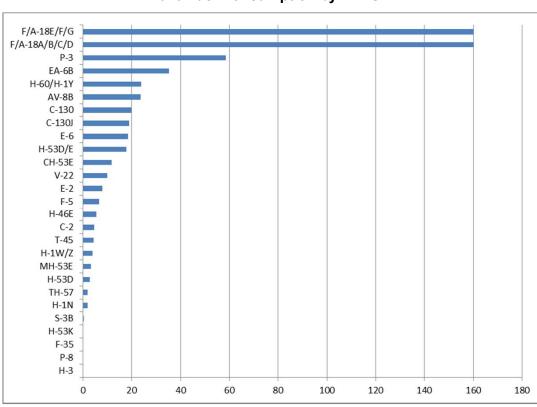






## **Snapshot of Naval Aviation Fuel Use**

#### FY 2010 Fuel Consumption by T/M/S



#### Source: CAVTS 2011

#### **Key Facts:**

- FY2010 consumption was 580 million gallons
- F/A-18's consume over 50% of naval aviation fuel
- Fixed wing accounts for 91% versus rotary

#### **Key Issues:**

- Defining and reducing non-mission consumption
- Maintaining proper Readiness (i.e., flight hours)
- Not impacting Contingency Operations
- Not impacting Safety









#### **Air-ENCON Objectives**

Establish a Naval Air Enterprise-wide program that:

- Reduces reliance upon petroleum
- Promotes a culture of energy awareness
- Identifies and communicates best practices
- Eliminates inefficient policy/cultural paradigms
- Rewards innovation and most efficient utilization of energy resources

Without adversely impacting mission or safety



Contributes to CNO Target to Reduce Energy Use Afloat by 15% by 2020









#### **Key Elements of Program**

- Develop Process innovations: Assess fuel saving best practices identified within the NAE for potential wide deployment through Air ENCON Program. This includes conducting risk assessments and detailing the changes in standard work packages.
- Establish Metrics and Reporting: Establish a baseline of consumption and a measurement and reporting scheme that accounts for deployment phases and is applied at the unit level.
- Communicate, train, and implement changes: Effectively communicate program intent and policy and process change detail to the right stakeholders (e.g., leadership, aviators, maintenance personnel)
- Recognize and reward progress: Develop an awards and recognition element that facilitates program adoption, encourages innovation, and builds a "Culture of Conservation"









#### **Communications Strategy and Products**

- Conducted a stakeholder analysis to identify information needs and available media channels
- Developed a Strategic Communications plan to guide media development and implementation
- Developing a series of communications products to deliver key messages
- A key information portal will be the Air ENCON Web site











### **Measuring Success (Metrics)**

- Key metric will be overall fuel reduction
  - Program will track fuel use by squadron over time
- Quarterly reports on Squadron and Fleet usage
- Program will also track total usage and fuel efficiency by TMS
- Metrics will account for Operational fuel usage
- Program will incorporate "Soft Metrics" to measure change
  - Awareness
  - Fuel reporting compliance
  - Training attendance
  - Identification and submission of innovations











### **Process Innovations form the Core of the Program**

- Reduced fuel dump
  - Short-Cycle Mission and Recovery Tanking (SMART)
  - Operations and Maintenance Coordination
- Cold Refueling
  - Replace "hot pit" refueling with "cold" truck refueling for fixed-wing aircraft
  - 2006 Lemoore study savings
- Other initiatives
  - Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum
  - Minimize external stores in-transit













### **Short-cycle Mission And Recovery Tanking (SMART)**

- Benefits to SMART have already been reported and verified
  - Carrier Air Wings 5 and 7
    - NSAWC Journal Article Winter 2008
    - o 2009 deployment
  - Continued Fleet Utilization
- Potential Savings
  - 65% reduction in tanker burn demonstrated by CVW-7/3
    - Reduced tanker flight time and increased tanker CV recovery
    - Reduces amount of fuel carrier needs to be resupplied with, creating Navy-wide savings













#### Truck ("Cold") Refueling

- 2006 Lemoore Study examined truck vs. "hot pit" refueling
  - "Hot pit" refueling cost 18 minutes and 70 gallons per aircraft per refueling
  - Expanded truck refueling reduced use of hot pits by approximately 50%
- Additional Benefits
  - Increased aircraft component lifetimes, squadron Temporary Assigned Duty (TAD) personnel, reduced aircrew downtime
- Additional Costs
  - Truck maintenance, refueling personnel
- Already performed in parts of aviation community (MH-60 etc.)









#### Other practices under consideration

- RVSM Certification allows F-18s to fly between 28,500 and 41,000 feet (where the vertical separation between aircraft is reduced to 1,000 ft) over the continental US
  - More efficient fuel use during cross-country flights
- Minimize external stores carriage to mission essential
- Fueling/Defueling Practices
  - Appropriate fuel use for FCLP
  - Appropriate fuel load for maintenance
- Maintenance
  - Ground support equipment to perform maintenance without APU









# **QUESTIONS?**





